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For Immediate Release:

LOCAL, STATE OFFICIALS TO SHARE VIEWS ON VALUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

CHARLESTON - Former U.S. Rep. Glenn Poshard, Illinois Rep. Dale Righter and Charleston Mayor Dan Cougill will share their perspectives on the values in higher education during a panel discussion at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, in Lumpkin Hall's Gilomen Auditorium on the Eastern Illinois University campus.

They will join EIU Distinguished Professor in Business David Bateman and Illinois Community College Board Core Values Initiative staff liaison Yvonne Singley for a discussion on the values in and of higher education, both at Eastern and other higher education institutions. They will trace the development of values among people and institutions in the past, present and future.

Poshard currently serves as assistant chancellor at Southern Illinois

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 11,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

University-Carbondale. Coughill is a retired brigadier general. Bateman has had a distinguished teaching career spanning 35 years. He is the recipient of the Mitau Award for creating one of the "Great Ideas in Higher Education" of the 20th century, the Association of Business Communication's International Teacher Award and the National Innovative Teaching Award.

The lecture, sponsored by Eastern's Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, is part of a symposium in honor of the inauguration of Carol D. Surles as Eastern's eighth sitting president. A reception will follow the lecture.

Also coming up next week is a College of Sciences' lecture by chemistry Professor Richard Keiter on "Adventures in Phosphorous Chemistry - Thirty Years in the Laboratory." Keiter's educational and entertaining talk begins at 7:30 p.m. in the EIU Physical Sciences Building's Phipps Lecture Hall. He will share some interesting stories and favorite demonstrations and will analyze a chemical reaction discovered at Eastern. Keiter notes that phosphorous is the 11th most abundant element in the crust of the earth and its compounds are found in all living things. It is also found in Molotov cocktails, nerve gases, matches, soft drinks, detergents and French fries.

In addition to sharing some of his research on phosphorous, he will talk about the importance of student research. Many of his 48 papers completed during his 30-year career at Eastern have had student co-authors and have been supported by more than \$1.5 million in external funding from a number of

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agencies.

Keiter is the College of Sciences' 1998 Ringenberg Award recipient honored for his accomplishments which have had a lasting impact on his students, colleagues, profession and the university. He has authored or co-authored several books, including a popular textbook Inorganic Chemistry (Harper Collins, 1993).

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